Ministers of Rajasthan and Haryana and the Government of Punjab has been called on 21st December, 1991 to discuss the issues associated with this matter.

Drought Hit Areas of Rajasthan

2470. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULATUE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas declared as drought hit in Rajasthan this year;

(b) the cattle deaths reported so far due to drought in Rajasthan;

(c) whether cattle camps have been opened in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

LPG Connections in Karnataka

2471. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for LPG connections in Karnataka upto June 1991 and the number out of them from Mandya, Pandavapura and Srirangapatna in Mandya District; and

(b) the number of new LPG connections to be provided during 1991 in Karnataka and the number out of which are proposed to be provided to the persons at the above places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) As on. 1.10.1991 there were about 3.08 lakh persons on the waiting list of Karnataka. Town-wise break up of waiting list is not maintained.

(b) Allocation of new LPG connections is not being done Statewise or on town-wise basis, but is based on availiability of LPG in the country and other economic consideration of viability of the distributors.

Electricity Dues from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited to Karnataka Electricity Board

2472. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any dues are to be paid by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited to Karnataka Electricity Board towards electricity charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for not paying them; and

(c) the time by which the dues are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). As at the end of March, 1991 the total energy and other charges claimed by KEB from KIOCL was Rs. 213 crores (approximately). Of this, a sum of Rs.104 crores, determined as payble (to KEB) in terms of the Government of Karnataka orders dated 6.9.1985,regulating the tariff charge applicable of KIOCL, has been paid by KIOCL. The tariff rates payble from may,1987 onwards are yet to be fixed in terms of the above mentioned State Government order. The matter is under discussion by KIOC *with KEB and the State Government.*